

Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

APCC Services, Inc.,	)	
Data Net Systems, LLC	)	
Davel Communications, Inc.	)	
Jaroth, Inc. dba Pacific Telemanagement	)	
Services, and	)	
Intera Communications Corp.,	)	
	)	
Complainants,	)	
	)	
v.	)	File No. EB-03-MDIC-0002
	)	
Orion Telecommunications Corp.	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**ORDER**

**Adopted: August 27, 2003**

**Released: August 29, 2003**

By the Deputy Division Chief, Market Disputes Resolution Division, Enforcement Bureau:

1. On December 20, 2002, APCC Services, Inc., *et al.* ("APCC" or "Complainants") filed an informal complaint alleging that Orion Telecommunications Corp. ("Orion") is responsible for paying dial around compensation for certain types of completed calls carried by its network that originated from APCC's payphones. Pursuant to section 1.718 of the Commission's rules,<sup>1</sup> the Complainants are required to convert their informal complaint into a formal complaint within six months of the date that the Defendant replies to the informal complaint, or their informal complaint will be deemed to be abandoned. In this case, the Complainants were required to convert the informal complaint into a formal complaint by September 3, 2003.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.718.

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from Gregory D. Kwan, Attorney for Complainants, and Ronald T. Bevans, Jr., Attorney for Orion, to Jonathan Reel, Attorney, Market Disputes Resolution Division, Enforcement Bureau, FCC, File No. EB-03-MDIC-0002 (August 26, 2003) ("Joint Waiver Request"). Orion replied to the Complaint on March

2. Since the filing of the informal complaint the parties have agreed to enter into mediated negotiations to resolve the disputes about dial around compensation issues.<sup>3</sup> On August 26, 2003, the parties filed jointly a Request for Extension of Time to File Complainants' Formal Complaint in this matter.<sup>4</sup> The parties seek a waiver of section 1.718 of the Commission's rules, and, in particular, request an extension of the deadline for filing a formal complaint from September 3, 2003, to October 3, 2003.<sup>5</sup> The Joint Waiver Request explains that the parties are attempting to resolve this dispute without further litigation, and that an extension is necessary to continue negotiations and work toward settling this matter.<sup>6</sup>

3. We are satisfied that granting the parties' Joint Waiver Request will serve the public interest by promoting the private resolution of disputes and by postponing the need for further litigation and expenditure of further time and resources of the parties and of this Commission until such time as may actually be necessary.

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), and 208 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), and 208, and sections 1.3 and 1.718 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.3, 1.718, and the authority delegated in sections 0.111 and 0.311 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.111, 0.311, that the Request for Extension of Time to File Complainants' Formal Complaint IS GRANTED.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, unless otherwise extended by order, the deadlines that would otherwise apply under section 1.718 of our rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.718, are hereby waived, and the date that APCC Services, Inc., et al. must convert their informal complaint against Orion to a formal complaint pursuant to section 1.718 of our rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.718, is extended to October 3, 2003.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Radhika V. Karmarkar  
Deputy Chief, Market Disputes Resolution Division  
Enforcement Bureau

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3, 2003. *Id.*, n.2.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 2.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 1.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* at 2.

